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**News You Can Use**

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*Did your community win a Tree City USA award?*

**See page 3 to find out.**

## ***Coordinator's Column***

### **Promoting our Successes**

As I write this column the latest—and hopefully final—iteration of a national formula to allocate funding to states for community forestry efforts is being considered. This version seeks an equitable balance between ensuring every state has a viable community forestry program while better meeting the needs of larger population centers. Though Idaho's funding will still decline under the new formula, it is much better than earlier versions and our state has endorsed it with a few provisions. We'll need to work hard on ways to make up the lost funding to ensure Idaho communities receive needed help in developing and strengthening their tree management programs.

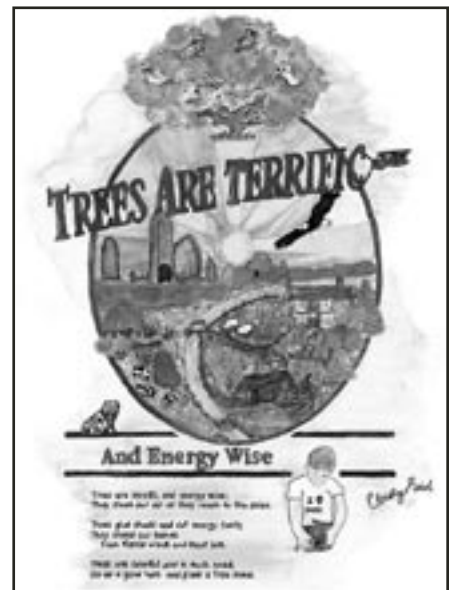
The community forestry program nationally is also facing challenges. The President's 2006 budget proposal shows a \$5 million decline in funding for community forestry nationwide, from \$32 million to \$27 million. There will be a lot of politicking before a final budget is approved by Congress and signed into law, so it's too early to know what will ultimately happen. While that's going on, please consider letting your local media folks and elected leaders know what you do and why it is so important. Relay a story or share an anecdote on how your tree program has made a difference in your community and/or why there is a need to do more. More than ever, we all need to be promoting our work that is so critical to the quality of life in Idaho's communities. We all have great stories to tell and we need to be telling them. I'd also like to hear from you or receive a copy of what you develop. Or, send me an e-mail or give me a call and I'll write up your success story and pass it along to our state and national partners. It's always helpful to promote and share ideas on the important work we're all doing.

— David Stephenson,

Community Forestry Coordinator

## **Poster of Idaho Student Again Wins National Contest**

Christy Reid, a home-schooled student in Hayden Lake, holds the honor this year of having her art selected as Idaho's first place winner of The National Arbor Day Foundation's annual poster contest. Better yet, for the second time in three years, Idaho's winner was also selected as the overall national winner! As state winner, Christy receives a \$200 US Savings Bond from the Idaho Forest Products Commission 'timber license plate funds.' Additionally, her teacher, Kim Washko, receives \$100 in cash for classroom supplies. A tree will also be donated on her behalf for planting on public property in her community, courtesy of the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association and a local nursery. For winning the national contest, Christy receives a \$1,000 savings bond and a lifetime membership in the Foundation. Christy, her parents and art teacher will be honored at Arbor Day celebrations at the US Botanical Gardens in Washington DC, The National Arbor Day Foundation's Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City, and at the State Capitol in Boise. The national contest is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota Motor Corporation.



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The purpose of the contest is to connect young people with the value of trees. All schools, public and private, as well as home-schools, are encouraged to participate. The contest is focused on fifth graders. Announcements of next year's contest will be issued early next fall and we hope that all Idaho communities will join in this educational activity. Idaho's second place winner this year is Johnathan Beatty of Post Falls, with third place going to Brooke Azzolini of Kimberly. Johnathan and Brooke will also receive savings bonds from IFPC and a tree to be planted at their schools.

## Rumor About Kiwanis

We didn't have time to check this out as our newsletter went to press, but we were told that the new Northwest governor of Kiwanis International has asked every member to plant a tree. If this is true, what a great idea! And for our readers, it may be an opportunity to get some trees planted in parks or along the streets that might not otherwise have been possible. We suggest you check it out with your favorite Kiwanis member.



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## 80 Cities Received Arbor Day Grants

As this year's round of Arbor Day celebrations come to a close, it's time to thank some folks. This year, a record 80 Idaho cities received an Arbor Day Grant to help celebrate this important holiday. A tip of the hardhat to the folks that provided the funding for this program – Avista Utilities, Idaho Power, Utah Power, and the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association. Our communities are greener and citizens more knowledgeable about trees thanks to the generous support of these organizations.



SFC Frost

## A Most Unusual Arbor Day

David Woodall of the 116<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Idaho Army National Guard, was feeling a little blue about missing out on Arbor Day here at home. "I was sort of sulking inside because I knew Arbor Day was coming and that I would miss it. I had even gone so far as to order a catalog from my hometown nursery where I normally buy my trees...just to see what I was missing out on. Then the other day I happened upon some Iraqi contractors planting trees and I stopped to talk to them and see if I couldn't have some to plant around our headquarters area." As seen above, six trees were planted and will help add a little beauty and hope for the future. Sgt. Woodall, shown on left, is from Moscow and serving in Kirkuk. Cpt. Whipple is the gentleman assisting.

## Great Opportunity for Arborist Education

As announced in our last issue, the International Society of Arboriculture is making scholarships available to arborists who want to become ISA certified. We have learned that there are still scholarships available. If you or someone in your organization would like to become a certified arborist (and anyone who works on trees *should* be certified!), then please go to the IDL website at [www2.state.id.us/lands/index.htm](http://www2.state.id.us/lands/index.htm) and click on "Visit Community Forestry," then click on "Certified Arborist Scholarship Program," or contact David Stephenson at the IDL phone or address shown in the masthead.

## Idaho's Tree City USA Communities



The good news is that 67 Idaho communities have qualified this year for Tree City USA awards from The National Arbor Day Foundation. This includes two new communities in this prestigious network – Ketchum and Rexburg. The bad news is that we lost three communities – Arco, Smelterville and Sugar City. This is the first time our total number has gone down and we hope it is a temporary dip in the chart of progress! To find out how to qualify or re-qualify, contact any of the Community Forestry Field Offices listed in the masthead.

Shown below next to each Tree City USA is the number of years the community has won the award. An asterisk means that a Tree City USA Growth Award has been earned for going above and beyond the four standards necessary for Tree City USA designation. First-year communities are shown in bold type.

Aberdeen (6)	Lapwai (9)
American Falls (5)	Lava Hot Springs (4)
Ammon* (3)	Lewiston* (17)
Ashton (3)	Mackay (8)
Bellevue *(3)	Malad (6)
Blackfoot* (5)	McCall (4)
Boise (27)	Menan (2)
Buhl (8)	Meridian (3)
Burley (5)	Moscow* (12)
Caldwell (26)	Mountain Home (7)
Challis (5)	Mt. Home AF Base (8)
Chubbuck (3)	Nampa* (7)
Coeur d'Alene* (21)	New Plymouth (5)
Deary (2)	Nezperce (2)
Downey (8)	Nez Perce County (4)
Driggs* (3)	Orofino (5)
Dubois (3)	Payette* (6)
Eagle* (13)	Pocatello* (8)
Emmett (4)	Post Falls* (8)
Filer (6)	<b>Rexburg</b>
Garden City (5)	Rockland (6)
Hagerman (4)	Rupert* (5)
Hayden* (3)	Salmon (3)
Heyburn (8)	Samaria (8)
Idaho Falls (13)	Sandpoint (9)
Inkom (6)	Shelley (4)
Iona (2)	Soda Springs (4)
Jerome* (7)	St. Anthony (2)
Kamiah* (5)	Twin Falls* (7)
Kellogg* (7)	Ucon (5)
Kendrick (8)	Wallace (2)
<b>Ketchum</b>	Weiser (5)
Kimberly (2)	Wendell (2)
Kuna (14)	

## Calendar

### May 9, 2005

**Recognizing and Assessing Tree Hazards and Failures**, Housing and Community Development Bldg., Boise, ID. (Contact: PNW Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture at 503/874-8263 or go to <http://www.pnwisa.org/calendar.html> to download course and registration information).

### May 24, 2005

**Aphids and Beetles and Fungi, Oh My! Diagnosis of Pests**, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, ID. (Same contact as above).

### May 23-25, 2005

**Urban Wildlife Management National Conference**, Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. (Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation at 402/474-5655 or visit [www.arborday.org/conferences](http://www.arborday.org/conferences)).

### June 14-16, 2005

**Trees, People and Towns — Frontiers in Community Forestry**, Cheyenne, WY. (Contact Mark Hughes, 307-777-7586 or [mhughe@state.wy.us](mailto:mhughe@state.wy.us)).

### August 6-10, 2005

**International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference**, Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN. (Contact: Jessica Marx at 888-472-8733 or [jmarx@isa-arbor.com](mailto:jmarx@isa-arbor.com)).

### September 19-21, 2005

**Building for Greener Communities National Conference**. Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation (See above).

### November 17-18, 2005

**National Urban Forest Conference**, Westin-Charlotte, Charlotte, NC. (Contact: [www.americanforests.org/conference](http://www.americanforests.org/conference)).

### Upcoming Arborist Certification Exams

June 4 Twin Falls, ID – morning exam  
 August 6 Redmond, OR – morning exam  
 Upcoming Certified Tree Worker Exams  
 June 11 Spokane, WA  
 June 25 Boise, ID

For information or to register, contact: Pacific Northwest Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture at 503/874-8263 or 217/355-9411 or email: [info@pnwisa.org](mailto:info@pnwisa.org).



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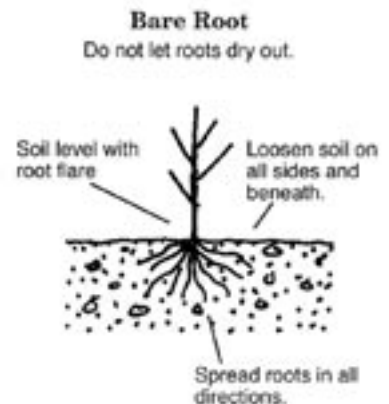
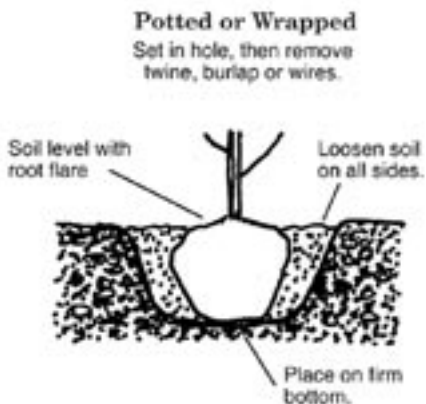
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# Tree tip

## Don't Plant Too Deep!

Many problems in the life of a tree come about because the tree was planted too deeply. Not planting at the proper depth causes stress that may not be apparent for years. The key to doing the job right is to make sure the root flare is at or slightly above the soil level. In the case of ball and burlap trees, there may be several inches of loose soil or packing material that need to be removed to get to the uppermost roots. Use care and give your tree a good start by planting right.



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